

IIGB Forum
June 15, 2007: 1:00pm
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–AGENDA–

I. IIGB Business Plan [N. Raikhel]

Approved by IIGB Advisory Committee

Submitted May 15, 2007 to CNAS Interim Dean Don Cooksey

Purpose – describe the following for the next two years:

- Goals and objectives;
- How Institute making strides to reduce carry forward;
- Management structure;
- Methods of generating funds to conduct a first-class operation.

Key elements to be displayed on IIGB website

Key Elements (see attached)

Equipment

Purchases Maintenance Agreements (Attachment: Table A)

Pending Orders (Attachment: Section B)

Training underway for new instruments; see David Carter

New Services

Chemical Genomics

Proposal to provide access to chemical library screening; rate structure being investigated

Research and Training Awards (Attachment: Section C)

Special notes:

IIGB Pilot Interdisciplinary Research Projects

Request for Proposals on IIGB website

Deadline for submissions – 7/2/07

CEPCEB Stipends for International IGERT Graduate Students

Student recruitment currently underway for next year

Seminar Support (Attachment: Section D)

Special notes:

CEPCEB Special Award Ceremony and Noel Keen Lecture

2/9/2007: Featured Speaker: Bernard Palsson,
Professor of Bioengineering and Adjunct
Professor of Medicine at UCSD

1/18/08: Speaker: Gloria Coruzzi, Carroll and Milton
Petrie Professor, Dept of Biology at New
York University

CEPCEB PI Luncheons: Quarterly

Purpose: To learn more about members' research
interests and promote interdisciplinary
interaction and collaboration

CDVR Seminar Series:

Active: Seven speakers in 2007
Focus: Malaria, virus pathogenesis and
transmission

CDVR Monthly PI Luncheons

Underway eff. May 2007

Symposium on Vector Biology, Ecology and Control:
Celebration of 50 Years of Research, Teaching and Service of
Professor Mir S. Mulla

5/29 – 6/1/2007: at downtown Mission Inn
Helped launch CDVR and IIGB

II. Recruitments/Hires: [N. Raikhel

Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (3 positions)

Scope: 93 Applicants, 9 interviewed

Status:

Xiaohui Xie, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard University

DECLINED: Accepted another position

Angelina Chang, UCSB Howard Hughes Medical Institute

PENDING: Negotiations underway: Chemistry

Haixu Tang, Indiana University-Bloomington

PENDING: Negotiations underway: Biochemistry and Botany
& Plant Sciences

Maxim Bazhenov, The Salk Institute for Biological Studies

PENDING: Negotiations underway: Cell Biology &
Neuroscience

Position Requests:

Cluster of 4 Recruitments in Systems Biology

Academic Administrator

HIRED: Glenn Hicks, eff. 5/1/07

Role: Oversee Core facilities, especially Genomics Core.

IIGB Genomics Core Specialist

Yoon Gi Choi leaving eff. 7/1/07 – spread word to anyone interested in applying

Position Announcement: Distributed

Search Committee Chair: Peter Atkinson

IIGB Genomics Core Lab Assistant III:

HIRED: Clay Clark, eff. 6/25/07

Web Programmer

HIRED: eff. 4/1/07

IIGB Website:

Completion 9/07

NEED faculty profiles!

III. Marketing

IIGB Folders: newly printed

Folders advertise core instrumentation services/facilities and have pockets and slots for fact sheets and business cards. Folders designed generically to last indefinitely; fact sheets provide more specific information on Centers and Programs and can be modified regularly.

IV. Committees:

External Scientific Advisory Board

Yearly membership of 4-5 people

Focus for first year: Evaluation of Core facilities

Membership renewed/determined by review needs of Institute

Will help advertise IIGB

Natasha will work on SAB member selection and invitations

V. Questions/Concerns/Comments

Julia Bailey Serres:

Inquired about possibility of IIGB establishing an Internal Core Review Committee. Natasha would like to start with External Scientific Advisory Board first and determine need for internal committee based on their recommendations.

Sarjeet Gill:

Expressed concern over changing genomics technologies and advocated purchase of 454 sequencer. Some members indicated need to hire bioinformatics person to assist with analysis of data; others mentioned the high maintenance costs for equipment and for running experiments. Natasha will investigate potential interest/usage of instrumentation.

Peter Atkinson:

Commented that the Genomics Building is slated for completion February 2009, and that miniature lab models will be available Sept/Oct 2007.

V. Next Forum Date?

Will be scheduled in October 2007.